



Report to the Auburn City Council

Action Item

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Agenda Item No.

City Manager's Approval

To: Mayor and City Council Members
From: Mike Holmes, Councilmember
Prepared by: Amy M. Lind, Asst. City Clerk
Date: April 9, 2012
Subject: Support for Auburn State Recreation Area Continued Funding

The Issue

Shall the Council approve a letter to be sent to the Honorable Rodney P. Frelinghuysen, Chairman for the Appropriations Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies?

Conclusion and Recommendation

By **MOTION**, approve a letter to Honorable Rodney P. Frelinghuysen regarding the continued funding request in the President's budget to preserve the operation of the Auburn State Recreation Area (ASRA).

Background

This letter is to show support of the President's FY-2013 budget item for the Auburn-Folsom South Unit for the Bureau of Reclamation. The request is for \$3.165M to fund the Managing Partnership Agreement (MPA) recently concluded between the Bureau of Reclamation and the California Department of Parks and Recreation. In addition, a portion of the funding will be used for fuels management in the American River Canyon in Placer and El Dorado Counties.

These funds are critical in keeping the Auburn and Folsom State Recreation Areas open to the public.

This letter of support will be hand delivered in Washington D.C. when Council Member Holmes attends the annual Cap-to-Cap conference.

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The Honorable Rodney P. Frelinghuysen
Chairman, Appropriations Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and
Related Agencies
2362-B Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Frelinghuysen,

I am writing you on behalf of the Auburn City Council in support of the President's FY-2013 budget item for the Auburn-Folsom South Unit for the Bureau of Reclamation. The request is for \$3.165M to fund the Managing Partnership Agreement (MPA) recently concluded between the Bureau of Reclamation and the California Department of Parks and Recreation. In addition, a portion of the funding will be used for fuels management in the American River canyon in Placer and El Dorado Counties places subject to frequent wild land fires here in California.

The signing of the MPA was the result of your committee's approval of the Auburn-Folsom South Unit's budget for FY-2012 and subsequent actions by the House and Senate. These funds are critical in keeping the Auburn and Folsom State Recreation Areas open to the public. Long range planning for these areas had been suspended due to the uncertainty of continued Federal support. While we recognize that continued Federal support at the level requested may not be possible indefinitely, these next two years will be crucial to having a plan in place to generate more revenues from within these areas.

We welcome your continued support.

Keith Nesbitt
Mayor
City of Auburn